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Can real-time data of vehicles entering/exiting IT firms along ORR decongest tech corridor?

EITHER/ORR

Tech firms told to use dedicated app

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Traffic police have asked tech parks/other firms located along the Outer Ring Road to submit a count of vehicles entering the establishments after recurring traffic congestion seen on the corridor.

The exercise has been ongoing for the past month — now though, tech parks and companies have been provided with a dedicated app for the purpose.

Since a massive congestion blocked the Outer Ring Road on September 27, the Bangalore Traffic Police has been adopting steps to remediate traffic issues on the ORR.

Now, traffic cops have written to tech companies located along the ORR to submit details of the number of vehicles entering the parks in the morning.

Based on the data collected, the police say they would be able to manage the vehicles exiting tech parks in the evening. The data will be collected through the app issued by the BTP; alongside a daily count of four-wheelers will have to be provided to the police too.

DCP traffic (south) Shiva Prakash Devaraju wrote to Outer Ring Road

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> **Companies should compulsorily use this app and provide information daily**
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> — Traffic DCP's letter to ORR firms

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3 THINGS TO DO

01 Classical season

Sursagar, a non-profit music organisation in association with ICCR-Bengaluru, is all set to celebrate their 41st Varshikotsav. You can enjoy performances by some of the most renowned classical singers, such as Pandit Raghunandan Panshikar. He will be performing Kishori Amonkar's unheard bandishes, bhajans, abhangs, and ghazals. **Where: Canara Union, Building No. 42, 8th Main Road, Mount Layout, Maruthi Extension Vinayaka Layout, Malleswaram When: Saturday, November 25; 5:30 pm**

02 Left is right

Have you been waiting for an interesting art show lately? If yes, then your wait is over. Grab the chance to visit a solo show featuring, for the first time, left-hand drawings by Pa Sa Kumar. The show is being curated by Dr Pramila Lochan. **Where: #63, Palace Road, Vasanth Nagar (near Mount Carmel College); When: until November 27; 10 am–6 pm**

03 Dramatic view

If you have been waiting to watch an exclusive theatrical performance, then don't miss out on 'Apne Ghar Jaisa', which is directed by Anmol Vellani. The play creates an image of daily bigotry that weakens the self. It features Padmavati Rao and Sheetal Sahu. **Where: Ranga Shankara When: November 23 and 24; 7:30 pm**

BBMP's tender touch for plantations again

BBMP reissues tender for maintenance of city plantations; tender was initially floated for upkeep of nearly 2 lakh trees for ₹3 crore for 2 years

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After cancelling the tender for the maintenance of the plantations by Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), Palike's forest department has refloated the tender.

The tender floated for the maintenance of nearly 2 lakh plantations between 2022 and 2025 was cancelled, citing technical issues. 33 tenders were floated for all eight zones of BBMP at the cost of Rs 3 crore. Now, the same tender has been refloated and invited bidders for maintenance of the plantations.

Palike's Forest Department undertakes several attempts to increase the green cover in the urbanising city of Bengaluru. However, many trees struggle to transform into full-grown trees due to various factors. A dedicated unit undertaking the maintenance of the city's plantations could ensure their full growth.

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Wither and thither: BBMP cancels tender for plants

BM's report on November 13 about BBMP cancelling the tender, citing technical issues

Palike's Forest Department undertakes several attempts to increase the green cover in the urbanising city of Bengaluru; however, many trees struggle to transform into full-grown trees

The bidder will be responsible for the maintenance of the nearly 1 lakh plantations made in 2022-2023 and the nearly 1 lakh plantations planned between 2023-2024 and 2024-2025.

The tender was initially floated for the maintenance of nearly 2 lakh trees for a sum of Rs 3,60,00,000 for two years. A maximum number of trees will be planted in the Yelahanka zone (16,300), followed by Mahadevapura (15,800). As per earlier estimates, Palike would have to pay Rs 180 per tree for maintenance. Activists have welcomed the move and stated that they have been insisting that Palike take similar steps. They have maintained that additional expenses for maintenance are vital for the survival of plantations in a city like Bengaluru. In 2022, as part of the monsoon plantation drive, Palike took up a plantation of 1 lakh saplings by expending Rs 9 crore. Palike had to bear around Rs 990 per tree.

Activists have welcomed the move and stated that they have been insisting that BBMP take similar steps

At the time, Palike had insisted that the higher cost was due to the installation of bamboo tree guards for the saplings. As part of the plantation drive, the maintenance of the saplings was included as part of the services rendered.

Celebrating happiness: Senior citizens' fun day

In an engaging activity, senior citizens from the neighbourhood were invited by the Manipal Hospital to enjoy and reminisce about their moments. The hospital organised Grown-Up Children's Day on Saturday.

Karthik Rajagopal, Chief Operating Officer, Manipal Hospitals, said, "The main objective of the event was to give the senior citizens an opportunity to be a part of the fun activities that they miss out on due to various health restrictions. We had invited around 300 senior citizens from the neighbourhood. The event aims to create a platform to showcase the rich skill set of the seniors who are eager to support the day-to-day activities of the doctors and patients."

The event featured a variety of activities, including painting, poetry, illustrations, storytelling, and more

A key event highlight included senior citizens sharing 2-minute videos showcasing their skills like singing, poetry, recitation, dancing, acting, and painting to extend their support to the day-to-day activities of the doctors, patients, and hospital. The event also featured a variety of fun activities, including painting, poetry, illustrations, storytelling, and quizzes, creating a lively atmosphere. "Additionally, these senior citizens will play an integral role in the Community Connect Portal, a platform where they will share their thoughts and experiences, fostering a sense of community and providing valuable insights that will benefit both doctors and patients alike," he added. **— BMB**

BBMP forest officials visited the CSI hospital and prepared a report on the trees that were chopped without requisite permission

Hack job at hospital

BBMP says despite not having permission, CSI Hospital administration chopped 12 well-grown trees on premises

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While hospitals are supposed to be role models for environment consciousness, the administration of Church of South India (CSI) Hospital at Shivajinagar is said to have engaged people to chop 12 well-grown trees in the premises that were providing greenery and oxygen for many years.

Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) forest officials visited the CSI Hospital and prepared a report on trees that were chopped without permission. The mahazar report by the BBMP Divisional Forest Officer (East) has stated 12 trees were cut without permission.

Any person who cuts trees without permission is liable for punishment of three months imprisonment and a penalty of Rs 1,000 under Karnataka Preservation of Trees (Amendment) Act 1976. As per Section 8(1) of the Act, one must get permission from the BBMP's Tree Officer to cut a tree. "I expected the CSI Hospital to be a role model for others but I am disappointed with it for cutting trees despite our advice not to go ahead. They approached us seeking permission to cut one old tree to avoid damage to a building adjacent to it if the tree fell on it when it rained. We allowed the hospital to cut that tree," said BBMP Deputy Conservator of Forests BLG Swamy.

The DCF has made it clear that he rejected the hospital's request to allow it to cut down 12 more trees. "We are taking punitive measures against the CSI Hospital administration for cutting the trees illegally. These measures will be a lesson for others who want to cut trees as per their whims," the DCF said.

When contacted, hospital administrator Louis Rao said he was away when the trees were cut. "We sought permission from the BBMP Forest Department to cut down the other trees too. The issue has been resolved. As of now, I am out of the city," said Louis Rao.

Meanwhile, environmentalists are up in arms against illegal cutting of trees. "These trees were there for many years. The BBMP Forest officials should have supervised the cutting of the tree on the hospital premises. Their presence would have prevented the chopping of 12 more trees," said Sindhu Cherian, an environmentalist.

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> –BLG Swamy, DCF, BBMP

Vinod Jacob of Namma Bengaluru Foundation said the trees axed are more than 50 years old and are part of the biodiversity of the hospital campus and heritage. "The BBMP Forest Department has to take cognizance of the fact and ensure proper action is taken and this is investigated," said Vinod Jacob.

Describing cutting of the well-grown trees as a terrible act, Vijay Nishanth, known as a tree doctor, demanded the BBMP take stringent action against those responsible. "BBMP Forest officials must make the CSI administration plant 10 saplings for the loss of one tree on the hospital premises. They must conduct a thorough probe," he said.

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Dangling cable dilemma

Cable operators urge government action, seeking clear guidelines, permission to harness idle electric poles

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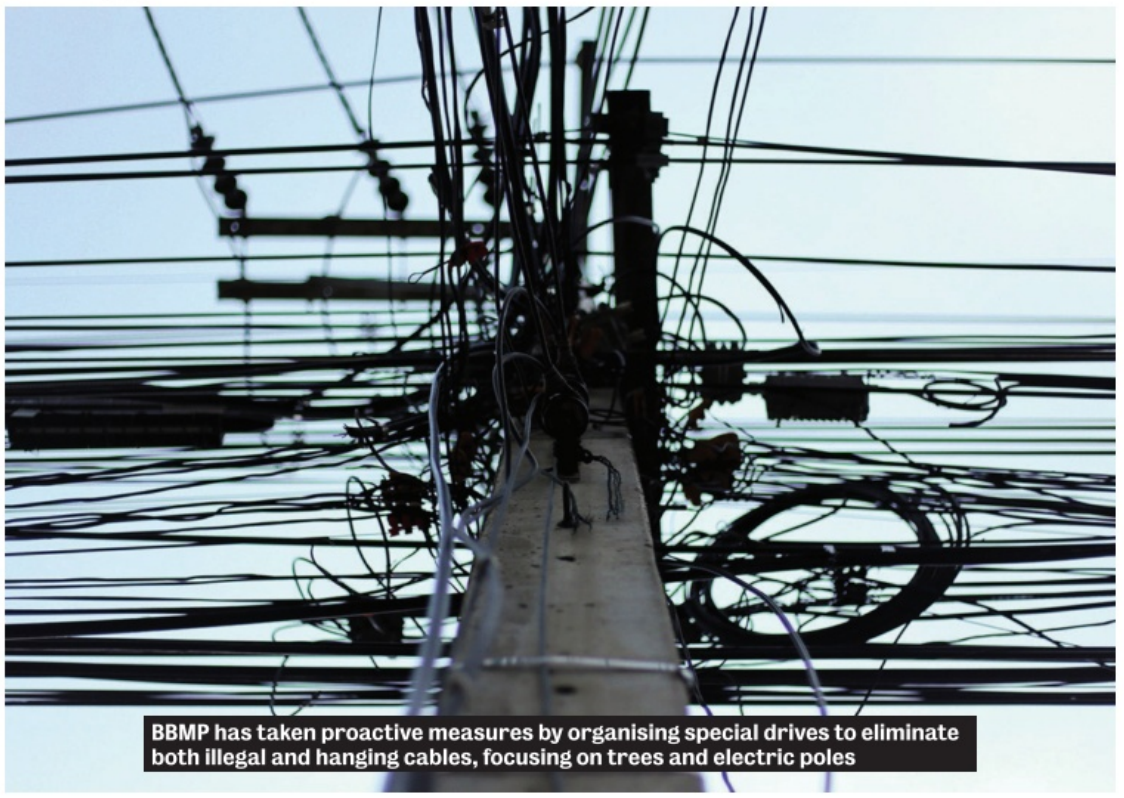

BBMP has taken proactive measures by organising special drives to eliminate both illegal and hanging cables, focusing on trees and electric poles

Numerous complaints have been registered against dangling cables, not only marring the cityscape but also posing a significant hazard to pedestrians and motorbike riders. Residents, particularly those residing in the Mahadevapura Zone, have reported these concerns to the police, seeking assistance to address the issue.

The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has taken proactive measures by organising special drives to eliminate illegal and hanging cables, focusing on trees and electric poles. The BBMP authorities have explicitly instructed telecom service providers and cable operators to utilise the utility ducts designated for this purpose on city roads. Despite these efforts, neither the BBMP authorities nor the state government have issued crucial guidelines for the telecom service providers and cable operators, leaving the situation unresolved.

Guidelines from the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, dated June 16, 2017, have been issued to state governments. These guidelines emphasise the need for a swift mechanism to address requests from cable operators for the Right of Way (RoW), allowing them to establish and maintain underground or overground cable infrastructure on properties under public authority. The guidelines also cover dispute settlement, including instances of refusal of permission by the public authority.

"I have attended meetings convened by the then Energy Minister DK Shivakumar and also made suggestions to have some revenue for the Bengaluru Electricity Supply Company (Bescom) by allowing cable operators to use the electric poles for cables, but nothing has happened to date. I also met BBMP authorities, but they failed to reveal any interest in this matter," said Yatish M, General Secretary, Karnataka State Digital Cable Operators' Welfare Association.

Speaking with Bangalore Mirror, Bharath Fiber Franchise Association working president Manjunath Harle has said that Bescom can earn a lot of revenue by allowing cable operators to tie cables to the electric poles. "We have submitted the proposal to the authorities concerned, but no response from them. Most electric poles become idle or redundant after Bescom completes laying electric cables underground. Instead of spending money to remove and transport such electric poles, the authorities can allow us to use those electric poles," said Manjunath Harle.

> **"I think that smart poles are the solution to the cable woes. It will help cable operators, pedestrians, and two-wheeler riders** – Vishnu, a resident

Meanwhile, Vishnu from Bellandur, who fought against the illegal cable mafia, has suggested smart poles as the solution to end hanging cable problems. "I think that smart poles are the solution to the cable woes. It will help cable operators, pedestrians, and two-wheeler riders," said Vishnu.

However, Yatish M, General Secretary of Karnataka State Digital Cable Operators' Welfare Association, has said that smart poles are being installed by some well-known telecom service providers in newly developed areas of the city. "Smart poles are viable in newly developed areas. This facility is unavailable in Jayanagar, Shivajinagar, Rajajinagar and other areas. With Bescom becoming technology savvy and embarking on laying electric cables underground, most of the electric poles are idle. Private cable operators can use these poles," said Yatish.

A senior Bescom official has said that Bescom is allowing telecom service providers to use the electric poles for optical fiber cables provided they follow safety norms.

How to end traffic-crawl on Outer Ring Road

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Companies Association (ORRCA) and requested to compulsorily fill in the details on the app daily.

"As you all know traffic on the Outer Ring Road (ORR) is one of the major problems today. As a part of the strategy for tackling the problem, it was decided that it is necessary to know the number of vehicles entering the software parks/companies.

The ideal situation would be to know the real-time data, i.e. vehicle entry and exit data of the parks/companies; while this is being coordinated with the ORRCA and the tech companies, to install the required hardware and software, till that time the data needs to be entered manually. To facilitate the entry of data, we have made an app which helps in consolidating the vehicular data of tech parks. The details of the app and the credentials will be given to all the companies through ORRCA. Companies should compulsorily use this app and provide this information daily. I request the ORRCA to coordinate with the companies and provide necessary," stated the letter.

"We have noticed that the traffic on ORR ranges between 3-4 lakh vehicles during peak hours. We have been gathering data for the past month but now we have issued an app for the same purpose. Data will be collected on the number of vehicles entering the tech parks. The data collected can be uploaded up to 12 pm-1 pm to calculate the exit traffic on the given day," said a senior traffic official.

Accordingly, traffic cops will be able to take steps to ease traffic on ORR, we are told. "Currently, we are only taking data on four-wheelers and it has been manually entered. Based on the data, we can stagger exit traffic from tech parks, routes can be planned in case of full traffic, and traffic lights can be cleared. Traffic signals adjacent to congestion could be cleared for an extra 10 seconds. Additionally, heavy vehicles could be blocked from entering ORR in such peak traffic. Already, we are blocking the entry of heavy vehicles starting from 4-5 pm but we could start restricting entry before that as well," he added.

In future, traffic cops want to enable automatic entry count of such vehicles by installing the required hardware at the entry gates of tech parks. There is also a proposal for automated clearance of signals in case of congestion.

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Stinky situation

Tharagupet

The renowned SKR market is regrettably transforming into an open toilet, emitting an unbearable stench. Urgent action from BBMP is required.

Daily jams

Munnekollal

Daily traffic jams are a persistent issue on Silversprings Road in Munnekollal. The recurring problem requires immediate attention to alleviate congestion and ensure smoother traffic flow.

Traffic chaos

Goripalya

Goripalya Bridge renovation work has been pending for 7 months, causing a complete traffic jam near Pipeline Road in Hosahalli Vijayanagar.

THE SUNDAY READ

HOW UNFAIR

Particulate matter concentration spikes as compared to last year; 35.2% surge recorded at NIMHANS station

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The monthly Air Quality Index (AQI) data of Bengaluru by the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) points to a surge in particulate matter (PM) concentration in the city this year.

An analysis of the monthly average concentration of particulate matter 10 and 2.5 shows that most of the seven Continuous Ambient Air Quality Monitoring (CAAQM) stations by KSPCB recorded higher average concentrations in October this year compared to October 2022.

When it comes to PM 2.5 concentration, the air quality monitoring stations at NIMHANS recorded a surge of 35.2% in October this year when compared to October 2022. The ambient station near Hebbal registered an increase of 16.6% in PM2.5 concentration. Jayanagar recorded a surge of 27.4% and at Central Silkboard Junction, the concentration of this harmful pollutant went up by 16.2%.

While Jayanagar recorded the highest jump of over 66% in PM 10 concentration, NIMHANS recorded a surge of 24.2%, followed by Hebbal (15.2%), City Railway station (11.14%) and Mysore Road (1.9%)

Similarly, the majority of the monitoring stations recorded an increase in monthly PM 10 concentration as well. While Jayanagar recorded the highest jump of over 66% in PM 10 concentration, NIMHANS recorded a surge of 24.2%, followed by Hebbal (15.2%), City Railway station (11.14%) and Mysore Road (1.9%).

Vehicles multiply

"While we are monitoring air quality and pollutants responsible for it, emission sources are not being curtailed. The number of vehicles on Bengaluru roads is going up day by day and traffic snarls are becoming worse. In the absence of any measures taken, the concentration of pollutants is bound to go up," said Prof Gufran Beig, chair professor at the National Institute of Advanced Studies (NIAS).

Mortal combat

Various studies in the past have linked high concentrations of particulate matter to early human mortality. Researchers have highlighted that inhalation of these pollutants, especially PM 2.5 causes changes in the respiratory airway and weakens pulmonary function. This may lead to cardiorespiratory problems or lung malignancy and hence may prove fatal.

Healthcare experts say that PM 2.5 could penetrate deep into the lungs and enter the bloodstream, causing a variety of health problems and premature death in people with heart or lung disease, nonfatal heart attacks, irregular heartbeat, aggravated asthma, decreased lung function, increased respiratory symptoms, such as irritation of the airways, coughing or difficulty breathing, COPD, lung cancer, IHD, and reproductive and central nervous system dysfunctions.

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AQI monitoring inadequate

Researchers also highlighted that the air quality monitoring system in Bengaluru is inadequate given the number of CAAQM stations and an insufficient number of pollutants being analyzed. KSPCB measures air quality in Bengaluru based on data from 10 ambient stations and assesses pollutants such as PM 2.5, PM 10, SO2, NO2, CO, O3, NH3, and Benzene. However, some of the monitoring stations do not take into account all the pollutants.

For instance, ambient stations at City Railway Station and Saneguruvanahalli do not measure PM 2.5.

"PM 2.5 concentration is associated with the greatest proportion of adverse health effects associated with air pollution. Thus, it is the most important pollutant that should mandatorily be measured. A CAAQM station measures all important pollutants with the latest technology and additional online analyzers. Moreover, 10 ambient stations are not enough for a city like Bengaluru. We need at least five to seven more stations to paint a more realistic picture of air pollution," added prof Beig.

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Public transport is need of the hour

Experts say the lack of a reliable, affordable, safe, and convenient city-wide public transportation system is the main reason behind increasing air pollution levels. They underline the main sources of particulate matter emission - combustion activities such as vehicular emission and waste burning for smaller particles and suspended road dust and construction activities for larger particles.

"While comparing year to year concentration levels of these pollutants is often difficult because there can be meteorological changes impacting the concentration, we do know that Bengaluru lacks a reliable and convenient public transport system. This coupled with diesel vehicles still plying on city roads has made matters worse. With frequent power cuts, diesel generators are also being used rampantly. Diesel vehicles must be scrapped and CNG-based vehicles should be brought in with adequate infrastructure. These measures will go a long way in improving air quality," said Dr R Subramanian, sector head - Air Quality at Centre for Study of Science, Technology, and Policy (CSTEP).

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GOOD ROUTINE

People exercising in a park early morning

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Disorder on this road: Rampant parking scene

Despite citizens complaining to authorities concerned about illegal parking at HSR Layout Sector 2, they see no improvement

In the heart of HSR Layout Sector 2, the 19th Main Road has transformed into a chaotic area of negligence as illegal parking of buses, rickshaws, and abandoned cars engulfs this dead-end stretch.

The residents allege that despite repeated complaints to higher authorities, there has been no action, and it looks like their worries have fallen on deaf ears. This dead-end road (19th Main) is filled with private buses, rickshaws, and discarded cars, creating a nightmare for both commuters and residents. It has become an illegal vehicle parking spot. Residents have reached out to authorities and traffic police and requested that they look into the issue repeatedly.

> **"With a lot of effort, we had cleaned the 27th Cross and beautified it by planting plants**
>
> – a resident

When they questioned the traffic police as to why these abandoned cars are being parked here instead of their designated grounds, they came to know that these cars have been parked here due to the lack of parking space on the designated grounds.

A resident of 27th Cross said, "With a lot of effort, we had cleaned the road(27th Cross) and beautified it by planting plants and lawn at the wall. The huge wall was also beautified by painting it. Alas, now DHL parks their vehicles in front of the wall, which obstructs the view of the beautifully painted wall. We had also installed four benches on this road to enable people to rest and enjoy themselves. Unfortunately, the bench at the wall has become a drinking spot at night."

Residents have raised many complaints, and it appears that the gravity of the situation has failed to get the authorities into action. "The BBMP authorities, who are responsible for overseeing the city's infrastructure and civic amenities, have also seemingly turned a blind eye to the mounting problem. The lack of action and accountability from higher authorities has made the residents question the efficiency of our system and if their problems will ever be solved," residents added.

— Sanjana Rao

The dead-end road is filled with private buses, rickshaws, and discarded cars, creating a nightmare

DID YOU KNOW?

M Chinnaswamy Stadium is one of the well-known international cricket stadiums located in Bengaluru. It is operated by the Karnataka State Cricket Association (KSCA). It is also known as the first cricket stadium that used solar panels to generate electricity for its use. It is said that it is named after Mangalam Chinnaswamy, who was a lawyer from Mandya. He was the founding member of the Mysore State Cricket Association. Previously, the stadium was called the Karnataka State Cricket Association Stadium. It has hosted some of the most important international and domestic cricket matches in history.

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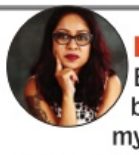
What are some art galleries, museums, or cultural venues in Bengaluru that you enjoy visiting?



Priyanka Sinha, BM Reader
Being a person from a science background, a museum that is my favourite is the NIMHANS Brain Museum, which is involved in promoting neuroscience. Karnataka Chitrakala Parishath is my go-to centre for art.

Sushmitha Dutta, BM Reader
Among all the places I visited, the best was Karnataka Chitrakala Parishath. Be it art and craft shows or flea markets for various handlooms, everything amazes me there. I have also bought many varieties of handlooms from there.

Srinivas M, BM Reader
The Bangalore Harmonica Club is a great place. My wife and I have been the senior members of the club since 2008. It was founded by Avinash Kulkarni and Kapilesh Kale, who are both software engineers.

Sandhya, BM Reader
Karnataka Chitrakala Parishath, Indian Music Experience, Chowdiah Memorial Hall, Alliance Francaise de Bangalore, Ranga Shankara, and Circular Square are some of the great places.

Vishwas M, BM Reader
I find the Visvesvaraya Museum to be a captivating destination. This museum not only showcases the rich history of engineering but also highlights the innovative spirit that defines Bengaluru. It's a must-visit for anyone.

Sourov Moitra, BM Reader
I enjoy visiting the HAL museum, the place where we see the in-house talent of India flourishing and roaring in the sky with pride. The museum is an inspiration for many future pilots, astronauts, and aircraft engineers.

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'Police disinterest' adds to rental fraud ordeal

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Another case of rent fraud has come to light, where a woman alleges that the ASI of the HSR police station not only refused to file an FIR but also, even after repeated requests for a follow-up, didn't track the accused's number or give any update on the investigation.

Ritishka, 26, had come across a listing on an app for a house in Sector 3 HSR Layout. She contacted the alleged accused, named Shreyansh, who told her that he's the owner, and he asked her to come visit the place in a few hours.

"I went there; I visited the place, and I really liked it. He mentioned that I need to pay the entire security deposit of Rs 85,000 to get a rental agreement. I told him that I'm not comfortable paying such a big amount. He came down to Rs 50,000, and I transferred it on the same day because he said someone else was ready to pay the entire amount, so I'll have to be quick," she told BM.

This was some time in September, and he told her that the house would be available on October 1, as there's someone already living there, and he gave her a fake tenant contact as well.

"I contacted the tenant as well to talk generally about the house and ask some questions. He talked like a real tenant. Later, I told Shreyansh that I wanted to visit the flat once again to check for all the things I'd need before moving in. He always somehow denied it, and the tenant's number had become unreachable by then," she added.

The victim had transferred Rs 50,000 on the same day

According to the source, 4-5 days before October 1, he asked her to pay the remaining Rs 35,000 to process the rental agreement. She sent it, and he mentioned he would get the agreement in a couple of days.

"Two days before moving in, he called me in the evening to say that there's some property dispute going on in that flat and the house is sealed, so I can't move in, and that he'll return my money. He also gave me some of the agent's contact information to find another flat. He returned some amount, but was not giving me the entire amount back," she said.

A few days later, she went to the flat with a friend, and she saw that the house wasn't sealed; the plants that were kept outside were watered, so someone was living. But no one was home at that point.

"We went to the first floor and inquired about the house. They said there's a contact for the caretaker of the house outside the building. I called the caretaker, and he told me that some fraud has happened on the property, and it has happened to a couple more people," she claimed.

Later, the victim went to the HSR police station, where they refused to file an FIR.

"His number was still reachable, so we asked them to track it, but they refused. First, they said the address on his Aadhaar card is from UP, so they can't do anything. Then they blamed me for giving the money without knowing his Bengaluru address. Then I went again after a week to follow up, and another ASI was there, and he refused to give any follow-up," she alleged.

BM contacted DCP South East for his reaction, but he was not available by the time of publishing.

Low-watt decor to dazzle Mysuru festivity

CESC is considering future transition to low-watt LED lights in Mysuru; this shift in coming years is expected to halve power bills, say officials

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CESC officials noted a 50% reduction in power consumption where three-watt LED bulbs were used

After Bengaluru, it will be the turn of Mysuru to switch over to low-watt LED lights. During Dasara, Mysuru transformed into the City of Lights, a spectacle that came at a cost of Rs 1 lakh per day for the lighting in the heritage city. This amounted to Rs 21 lakh for 21 days, consuming 1.45 lakh units of power until November 5. In response, the Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) has devised a plan to use low-watt LED lights in the future to reduce the electricity bill by at least 50%.

While LED bulbs were used for lighting in Mysuru this year, the majority were nine-watt bulbs, with only a few streets employing three-watt LED bulbs. CESC officials noted a 50% reduction in power consumption where three-watt LED bulbs were used, prompting the decision to implement them extensively in the future. This year's LED lighting in Mysuru cost Rs 6.15 crore to illuminate main roads, circles, and statues. The lights were operational from 7 pm to 11 pm for 21 days. A senior CESC official said, "We had an overwhelming response from tourists and residents. The shift to low-watt lights in the coming years is expected to halve the power bill. We also benefited from private company sponsorships, with several roads and circles receiving sponsorships totaling up to Rs 80 lakh. Overall, the power bill came to Rs 21 lakh for usage in 21 days."

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The lighting also drew huge crowds. In fact, even after Dasara, many from Bengaluru and other cities visited Mysuru just to see the lighting spectacle. Many travel to Chamundi Hills in the evening so that they can get an aerial view of Mysuru Dasara lighting. In fact, during Dasara, Mysuru experienced a surge in visitors, particularly on October 24, the day of Jumbo Savari. An estimated 1 lakh people arrived in Mysuru by train alone, with an additional influx through other modes of transportation. On average, 29 trains operate between Bengaluru and Mysuru daily, and extra trains were deployed during Dasara.

Meanwhile, the Chamundi Hills are seeing a huge surge in tourists. As this is also a reserve forest, the forest officials have been taking disciplinary action to curb the crowd. Concurrently, the forest police intensified security measures at the renowned hills in Mysuru. Over the past few weeks, they booked 152 cases for various violations, collecting a total penalty of Rs 1,07,500. Violations included littering in the forest area (one case with a Rs 500 fine), 62 cases of illegal parking (Rs 62,000 in penalties), 88 cases of trespassing (Rs 44,000 in penalties), and one case of harming wildlife with a Rs 1,000 penalty.

Mysuru RFO Dhanyashree said, "While some individuals strongly react when our personnel collect fines, others offer encouraging support for our conservation efforts. We appeal to everyone to cooperate in preserving the greenery and fostering a peaceful atmosphere at Chamundi Hills." Moreover, a vehicle ban has been in place in Chamundi Hills between 10 pm and 6 am since October 7.

Helpline to tackle deepfakes launched

In response to the deepfake effect threat, Bengaluru police established a special helpline on Saturday. The police shared a graphic on their page explaining how individuals can get in touch with them if they notice deepfake calls.

Synthetic media produced by deep learning algorithms—specifically, deep neural networks—is referred to as 'deepfake'. Large databases of real photos or videos are used to train these algorithms to identify patterns and attributes that allow them to produce convincingly realistic false content, frequently including voices or faces.

"Don't hesitate, act fast! If you or someone you know is a victim of deepfake, reach out to Bengaluru City Police at 1930. We're here to safeguard you against digital deception," tweeted the police. Deepfake technology can be applied to a variety of tasks, from creative and innocent amusement to more malevolent endeavours like disseminating false informatio. -BMB

Pregnant lady to write exam in hometown

In a first-of-its-kind arrangement, the High Court of Karnataka has allowed a candidate appearing for the Civil Judge mains exams to write the test in her hometown of Mangaluru as she was 8.5 months pregnant and was unable to travel to Bengaluru. The HC issued a notification for conducting the exams for the recruitment of 57 judges in March this year. The preliminary exams were held on July 23, 2023. Of the over 6,000 candidates, 1,022 were selected for the main exam scheduled on Saturday and Sunday in Bengaluru. Nethravathi, an advocate from Mangaluru, Dakshina Kannada district, had qualified for the mains exam. She submitted a requisition to the HC to allow her to write the exam in the district itself. -PTI

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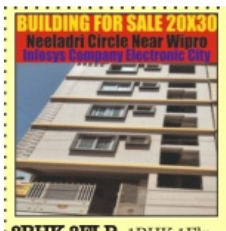

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Tears in every bite as onion prices skyrocket

Insufficient rainfall forces 75% of growers to abandon fields; cultivation plummets rapidly

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The adage goes, "Onions bring tears to either the buyers or farmers." However, now, a kilo of onions that costs between Rs 60 to Rs 80 seems to be why both farmers and buyers are shedding tears. While people are taken aback yet again by the soaring prices of onions, farmers lament that they are not benefiting from it due to decreased production. The farmers claim that it is the middlemen who are reaping the rewards. Although, in certain areas of the city, attempts have been made to sell onions at subsidised prices, in others, people are forced to buy onions at a premium price.

Suresh Naik, a techie, said, "Onion is a must for most food items. But these days, we are cutting the usage of onions due to high prices. I hope the prices soften soon as the kitchen budget is inflating due to increasing prices of onions and other items." Hoteliers, especially those running chat shops, are the most affected. Raju T, who owns a Bhel Puri shop, said, "I run a chaat shop where onions are a must. With no other option, I have to limit the usage of onions. But the customers are not happy and demand more onions." He is stuck in a dilemma as to retaining his customers as the expenses continue to increase. Similarly, other hoteliers said that they were planning to temporarily halt selling items that require a lot of onions, like Uthappa.

Local vendors are selling onions at around Rs 60 – Rs 80 per kg

Sources reveal that onions were cultivated only in 25% of the usual production land due to insufficient rainfall. More than 75% of regular onion growers opted to stay away. During the monsoon, onions typically covered over 50 lakh hectares, but this year, the cultivation area has not exceeded over 10 lakh hectares. "Poor rainfall has significantly impacted production," said Siddappa Uttangi, a farmer from Vijaynagar district. Normally, they would harvest 200 gunny bags of onions per acre, but this year they are struggling to harvest even half of what they used to. He further added that despite the increasing onion prices, there is no profit for the growers, due to which they are incurring losses. Previously, tomatoes were stolen during price surges, and many farmers are unwilling to take the chances this time around, resorting to spending nights in their farms and godowns to safeguard their produce.

> **"I run a chaat shop where onions are a must. With no other option, I have to limit the usage of onions. But the customers are not happy and demand more onions**
>
> –Raju T, a chaat shop owner

According to official sources, a surge in onion prices across both wholesale and retail markets nationwide is solely attributed to speculative factors, despite the availability of 15-20 lakh tonnes of rabi crop stock in a few states sufficient to meet the demand for a month. The sudden spike in onion prices cannot be attributed to a potential decline in fresh kharif output and a two-week delay in arrival. There exists an ample supply of old crop stock to fulfil domestic demand, and the government has maintained a buffer stock of 5 lakh tonnes.

Official data indicates that total onion exports reached 25 lakh tonnes in the 2022-2023 fiscal year. The imposition of minimum export prices on October 29 to the end of December has contributed to cooling down prices in a few states where the prices dropped by 4-10 per cent on October 30. Notably, onions are cultivated in three seasons—kharif, late kharif, and rabi—with only rabi onions being stored due to a longer shelf life. Although the kharif crop has commenced arriving in small quantities in markets, larger quantities are expected from the second week of November in key growing states such as Karnataka, Maharashtra, and Andhra Pradesh. Until new crops enter the market, the government plans to release buffer stock to enhance availability and curb price escalation. To date, 1.8 lakh tonnes of onions have been released into the market.

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Zika update from Chikkaballapur – Relief after 56 test negative

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File photo of BBMP workers fogging the city to combat mosquitoes

After the Zika scare, a sigh of relief emerged as the health department announced that samples from 56 individuals in Talakayala Betta (Chikkaballapur district), suffering from fever, have tested negative for the virus. Among the tested, 43 were pregnant women, a high-risk group for the Zika virus. While the negative results bring relief, the health department remains vigilant, stating they will continue screening and testing fever patients for the next two months. Despite the negative results, a previous vector survey revealed the prevalence of Zika virus-carrying mosquitoes in the Talakayala Betta area.

A health official said that serum samples of fever cases exhibiting symptoms such as red eyes, headache, rashes, muscle pain, and joint pain lasting for 2-7 days are sent to NIV, Bengaluru Field Unit for testing.

"We are monitoring details of deliveries conducted in the last three months at both public and private healthcare facilities, specifically looking for congenital anomalies. Private practitioners and healthcare facilities are being sensitised about ZVD, given that the Zika virus is spread by Aedes mosquitoes, the same vector as Dengue and Chikungunya. Aedes larva survey, source reduction activity, and fever survey are being intensified in both urban and rural areas. Sensitisation sessions for medical and para-medical staff, as well as ASHA workers in PHCs in containment areas, are being conducted. Intensified Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) sessions are being conducted at all levels to create awareness," the health official said.

"Necessary inter-sectoral coordination should be obtained from allied departments such as RDPR and Urban Local Body to spread awareness among the community. For the general public, it is essential to remain informed about Zika virus disease and avoid unnecessary panic. Symptoms include fever with red eyes, headache, rashes, muscle pain, and joint pain lasting for 2-7 days," the official from the health department added.

"Currently, there are no human cases of ZVD in the state. Clinical illness is usually mild, and severe cases requiring hospitalisation are uncommon, with fatalities being rare. Individuals with fever and the mentioned symptoms should visit the nearest healthcare facility for treatment. As there is no specific drug for ZVD, treatment is symptomatic. Suspected or confirmed cases should remain isolated, get sufficient rest, consume liquids, and sleep under mosquito nets," the official said.

Speaking about precautions for pregnant women, especially in containment areas, the official said, "They should get their serum and urine samples tested for Zika virus antibodies, and ultrasound reports should be interpreted by specialists for congenital anomalies, if any. The general public should ensure that Aedes breeding sources are reduced around their homes and comply with instructions given by health staff and ASHA during Aedes larva surveys," said an official from the health department.

TUNNEL COLLAPSE TRAGEDY

Switching to Plan B

Rescuers work on alternative plan on seventh day after snag hit operation a day before

#SILKYARA

Rescuers trying to reach workers trapped for nearly a week in a collapsed highway tunnel in the Himalayas began working on an alternate plan on Saturday, after the operation hit a snag the day before.

The men have been stuck in the hillside tunnel since Sunday morning after it caved in and are safe, authorities said. The trapped workers have light and receive oxygen, food, water and medicines via a pipe, and can communicate via radios.

The new plan involves drilling vertically from the top of the mountain under which 41 workers were trapped while working on a highway tunnel, said DP Baloni, divisional forest officer for Uttarkashi, in the northern state of Uttarakhand, India.

The rescue team has been drilling horizontally through the debris of the collapsed tunnel to reach the trapped workers. But the augur machine being used to drill broke on Friday and a new one was flown in on Saturday.

The new plan is to simultaneously drill from the side and above, said Bhaskar Khulbe, officer on special duty for the tunnel project.

A geological survey was conducted by a team of experts that has helped identify four points on the mountain through which vertical drilling is possible, Khulbe said.

Drilling remains suspended for now and it will take another four or five days "to get the good news", Khulbe told reporters.

Authorities have not said what caused the 4.5-km (3-mile) tunnel to cave in, but the region is prone to landslides, earthquakes and floods.

Fifty to 60 workers were on the overnight shift at the time of the collapse, and those near the exit got out of the tunnel on the national highway that is part of the Char Dham Hindu pilgrimage route.

Earlier in the day, the disaster management office revised the number of people trapped since Sunday morning in the tunnel in Uttarakhand state to 41, up from 40.

"Our plan is to drill a 90 metres escape tunnel of 1.2 metres diameter," said Jasvant Kapoor, a general manager at SJVN, a government owned company involved in the rescue efforts.

Close to 100 tunnel workers gathered at the site on Saturday, demanding faster progress in reaching and freeing those trapped.

Security personnel and others at the under-construction tunnel between Silkyara and Dandalgaon on the Brahmakhal-Yamunotri national highway; Locals and family members of trapped workers near the under-construction tunnel; A high-performance drilling machine that was air-lifted from Indore to the mishap spot

Tree-cutting expert to be brought in

The administration is looking to deploy a tree-cutting expert as part of the ongoing rescue operation rescue operation.
A tree-cutting expert named Ashiq Hussain has been called by the Forest Department to Silkyara Tunnel and tree-cutting work is expected to start shortly. While talking about the ongoing rescue operation Former Advisor PMO Bhaskar Khulbe said, " Efforts are on to bolster the entire area's strength to the order that it remains totally safe for workers to approach the rescue work that we are intending to do. I feel that our concerted effort will give good results in the coming four to five days." Chris Cooper, a micro tunnelling expert, arrived at the Silkyara tunnel incident site on Saturday to monitor the rescue operation. Cooper is a Chartered Engineer with an experienced track record for delivery of Major International key civil engineering infrastructure, Metro tunnels, Large Caverns, Dams, Railway, and Mining Projects. **-ANI**

Vishnu Sahu, a labourer who was leading the protest, said the rescue team was keeping workers in the dark about the pace of progress of the rescue.

"We want the top people of the company to come here," Sahu said.

-Reuters

'Their strength is ebbing; voices fading'

#UTTARKASHI (UTTARAKHAND)

Their voices are getting weaker, their strength seemingly dimming, those keeping vigil outside the Silkyara tunnel here said on Saturday after speaking to their relatives trapped inside.

As the hours tick by, the desperation of families waiting outside is mounting. The health condition of the men counting the hours inside the dark tunnel is worsening and his family back home getting increasingly panicky, said Haridwar Sharma, whose younger brother Sushil is among those inside the tunnel.

"All we are getting are assurances from authorities that the trapped labourers will be rescued. It has been nearly a week," Sharma, who is from Bihar's Rohtas district, told PTI.

"There is no work going on inside the tunnel. Neither the company nor the government is doing anything," he added tearfully. Among those waiting is the family of Gabbar Singh Negi. His two brothers, Maharaj Singh and Prem Singh, and son Akash Singh have been camping outside, desperate for any sliver of news. The family belongs to Kotdwar in the state. Maharaj said he spoke to Gabbar through a pipe used for supplying oxygen and his voice sounded very feeble.

"I could not talk to my brother. His voice sounded very weak. He was hardly audible. Rescue work in the tunnel has come to a halt. Those trapped are also short of food and water. We have come to the end of our patience?" Maharaj said. Their brother Prem said the trapped workers are beginning to lose hope. "How long can they sustain on this? Work has been stalled for 30-32 hours inside the tunnel," Prem said. "India has gone digital. They talk about the success of India's Chandrayan mission but they cannot evacuate our people." **-PTI**

While, cricket frenzy on high ahead of World Cup final

#AHMEDABAD

India, a country of 1.4 billion people, will come to a virtual standstill on Sunday when its cricket team led by Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli takes on five-time champion Australia in the Cricket World Cup final.

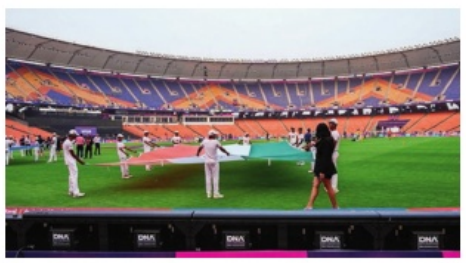
It will be played at Narendra Modi Stadium, the world's largest cricket venue with a seating capacity of 132,000. It was commissioned in 2015 and built with the purpose of hosting the tournament final eight years later. In the process it will likely set a world cricket attendance record. From Chennai to Dharamsala and Mumbai to Kolkata, India has played in front of partisan crowds during the six-week tournament. The home side has channeled that weight of expectations and pressure to win 10 consecutive games — the only unbeaten team.

"We know it's going to be a packed house," said Australia captain Pat Cummins. "There's going to be 130,000 fans here supporting India. So it's going to be awesome. You have got to embrace it. The crowd will be very one sided, but also in sport, there's nothing more satisfying than hearing a big crowd go silent. That's the aim for us tomorrow."

Kohli, not surprisingly, has been the focal point for this Indian performance. Now the foremost one-day international batter in history with 50 centuries, he has scored 711 runs in 10 innings at average of 101.57. It is an insurmountable tally, with Sharma (550 runs) and Australia's David Warner (528) well behind.

India's dominance in this World Cup, however, has been underlined by its bowling attack. Mohammed Shami has been the leader — 23 wickets in only six games. And Shami wasn't in contention for the first four games when India opted for Hardik Pandya and Shardul Thakur/ Ravichandran Ashwin.

Pandya's left ankle injury ruled the allrounder out of the tournament and made more room for Shami. Also helping India was Jasprit Bumrah, who took 18 wickets in 10 games, while spinners Ravindra Jadeja and Kuldeep Yadav chipped in with 31 wickets between them.



Volunteers rehearse on the eve of the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2023's final match

India's bowling has been so impressive that it has yet to chase any total over 273 runs in this tournament and restricted the opposition to sub-100 scores twice and under-200 scores two other times. Among them, Australia was bowled out for 199 in its tournament-opening match at Chennai on Oct. 8.

"The difference is our bowling attack," said opener Shubman Gill. "Our bowlers have either defended the total or restricted the other team to a below-par score."

Going for its sixth title, Australia is the most dominant side in World Cup history. It has lost two finals — to the West Indies in 1975 and to Sri Lanka in 1996. Now in its eighth final, it stands between India's quest for a third title.

The two sides have a previous knockout history — they have met on two occasions. Australia beat India in the 2015 World Cup semifinal at Sydney, enroute to its fifth title. In 2011, Yuvraj Singh's heroic half-century allowed the eventual championship-winning home side to beat Australia in the quarterfinals at Ahmedabad. **-AP**

Looking at career graph of Sam Altman, tech titan behind ChatGPT, who was fired abruptly

Sam Altman, the tech titan behind ChatGPT, was abruptly fired Friday by OpenAI, the company that launched the revolutionary artificial intelligence chatbot.

The news of his dismissal caught Silicon Valley by surprise, as the 38-year-old had been hailed as a pioneer and one of the leading figures in the high-stakes world of AI.

He said in a post on X, formerly Twitter, that his time at OpenAI had been "transformative for me personally, and hopefully the world a little bit."

Altman, together with Tesla chief Elon Musk and others, started OpenAI in 2015, creating a research company with the stated goal of building generative AI that benefits humanity.

"The technological progress we make in the next 100 years will be far larger than all we've made since we first controlled fire and invented the wheel," Altman said in a 2021 blog post.

Born in 1985, Altman grew up in a St. Louis suburb, where he got his first computer at the age of eight, according to a profile in the New Yorker from 2016. Computers and access to an online community helped him navigate being gay in a conservative part of the country, Altman said in an interview with Esquire.

Like so many tech figures before him, Altman dropped out of Stanford University to start a company, Loopt, which let smartphone users selectively share their whereabouts.

Loopt was acquired in 2012 in a deal valued at $43.4 million -- and Altman's place in Silicon Valley was secured.

He took a year off during which he "read many dozens of textbooks; I learned about the fields that I had been interested in," the San Francisco resident wrote in a post.

He told of learning about nuclear engineering, synthetic biology, investing and AI.

"The seeds were planted for things that worked in deep ways later," he said.

In 2014, Altman became president of Y Combinator, an "accelerator" that provides start-ups with guidance and funding in exchange for stakes in the young companies.

"The primary reason cited for his removal was a lack of consistent candor in his communications with the board members, which was seen as hindering their ability to effectively exercise their responsibilities

Altman expanded Y Combinator's strategy for investing beyond software startups to biotech, energy and other fields.

"He thinks quickly and talks quickly; intense, but in a good way," said Industrial Microbes founder Derek Greenfield, who met Altman while his biotech startup was getting backing from Y Combinator.

Greenfield recalled Altman always dressing casually, sometimes in a T-shirt and shorts.

'He was very down to earth'

Altman left Y Combinator, putting his energy into AI despite feared risks.

"He's a very deep thinker who is incredibly focused on getting things right," Insider Intelligence senior director of marketing and commerce Jeremy Goldman said.

Altman has proposed that combining artificial intelligence, robotics and cost-free energy could essentially enable machines to do all the work and provide a "basic income" to adults across society.

"A great future isn't complicated: we need technology to create more wealth, and policy to fairly distribute it," Altman wrote in a blog post.

"Everything necessary will be cheap, and everyone will have enough money to be able to afford it."

In the New Yorker article, Altman said he was a "prepper," someone who has preparations and supplies in place to survive an apocalyptic disaster.

He has spoken of owning high-performance sports cars and renting planes to fly around California.

Altman said in a blog post that on the last day of each December he writes a list of things he wants to accomplish in the year ahead.

His personal investments include startups working on fusion energy and human life extension.

"I'm super optimistic," he said in a podcast with TED curator Chris Anderson.

"It's always easy to doom scroll and think about how bad things are," Altman added, "but the good things are really good and getting much better."

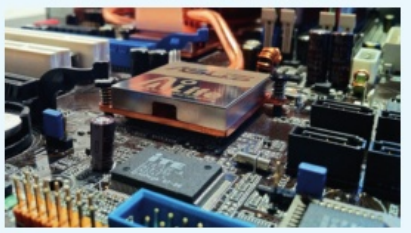
But Altman has testified before the US Congress and spoken with heads of state about AI as pressure mounts to regulate the technology against risks, such as its potential use in bioweapons and misinformation.

Just hours before being fired on Friday, he told AFP on the sidelines of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum in San Francisco that we can't always predict the future.

"The dangerous thing... it's all the new stuff, the known unknowns, the unknown unknowns that are going to come," he said. **AFP**

BITS & BYTES

PUSH TO HARDWARE



The Indian government has approved investments worth 30 billion Indian rupees ($360.4 million) in the IT hardware sector under its flagship manufacturing incentives scheme.

Applications from 27 firms have been approved, information technology minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said on Saturday. A total of 40 applications had been submitted. Dell, Hewlett Packard, Foxconn unit Rising Star and Flextronics are among those granted approval, according to a government release. **Reuters**

MUSK IN MOOD TO SUE

Elon Musk on Saturday said X will file a "thermonuclear lawsuit" against non-profit organisation Media Matters and those who "colluded in this fraudulent attack on our company," as big advertisers like Apple, Disney, Warner Bros, IBM and others reportedly paused advertising on the platform for allegedly promote antisemitism.

Media Matters in its report had claimed that as Musk continues his descent into white nationalist and antisemitic conspiracy theories, his social media platform has been placing ads for major brands like Apple, Bravo (NBCUniversal), IBM, Oracle, and Xfinity (Comcast) next to content that supports Adolf Hitler and his Nazi Party. **Reuters**

GENE THERAPY HOPE

The UK has approved the world's first gene therapy to treat blood disorders sickle-cell disease and thalassemia using the gene-editing tool CRISPR, which won its inventors the Nobel Prize in 2020. So far, a bone marrow transplant -- which must come from a closely matched donor and carries a risk of rejection -- has been the only permanent treatment option.

The UK's Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) authorised the new treatment called Casgevy for patients with sickle-cell disease and transfusion-dependent beta-thalassemia aged 12 and over. **IANS**

HEALTH TIP: Deficiency of vitamin D is another cause of hair loss so make sure to get out and soak up some sun

Regular flossing helps remove plaque from below the gums that can erode tooth enamel and become tartar

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MIX AND MATCH

Have a wonderfully delicious International Men's Day with these dishes y'all

Prep Time: 15 mins
Cooking Time: 20
Serves 4

CHICKEN MASALA TACOS

A delightful blend of Indian spices and Mexican flavours, these Masala Tacos are a perfect fusion treat.

INGREDIENTS

- 1 lb ground chicken or paneer for a vegetarian option
- 1 tablespoon oil
- 1 onion, finely chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 tablespoon ginger, grated
- 1 tablespoon taco seasoning
- 1 teaspoon garam masala
- 1/2 cup diced tomatoes
- 1/4 cup cilantro, chopped
- 8 small tortillas
- Sour cream and chutney for serving

METHOD

- Heat oil in a pan, add onions, garlic, and ginger. Sauté until onions are translucent
- Add ground chicken or paneer and cook until brown
- Stir in taco seasoning, garam masala, and diced tomatoes. Simmer for 5 minutes
- Warm tortillas, then fill with the mixture
- Top with cilantro, a dollop of sour cream, and your favourite chutney

TANDOORI PIZZA

A delightful combination of Italian pizza and Tandoori flavours that will satisfy your pizza cravings with an Indian twist.

Prep Time: 20 mins
Cooking Time: 15
Serves 4

INGREDIENTS

- 2 pizza dough balls
- 1/2 cup tandoori chicken, shredded
- 1/2 cup red onion, thinly sliced
- 1/2 cup bell peppers, thinly sliced
- 1 cup mozzarella cheese
- 2 tablespoons tandoori sauce
- Fresh cilantro for garnish

METHOD

- Preheat your oven to 475°F (245°C) and place a pizza stone inside if you have one
- Roll out the pizza dough and spread tandoori sauce as the base
- Top with tandoori chicken, onions, bell peppers, and mozzarella cheese
- Bake for 12-15 minutes until the crust is crispy and the cheese is bubbly
- Garnish with fresh cilantro before serving

CURRY RISOTTO

A luxurious marriage of Italian risotto and Indian curry, this dish is a delightful twist on two classics.

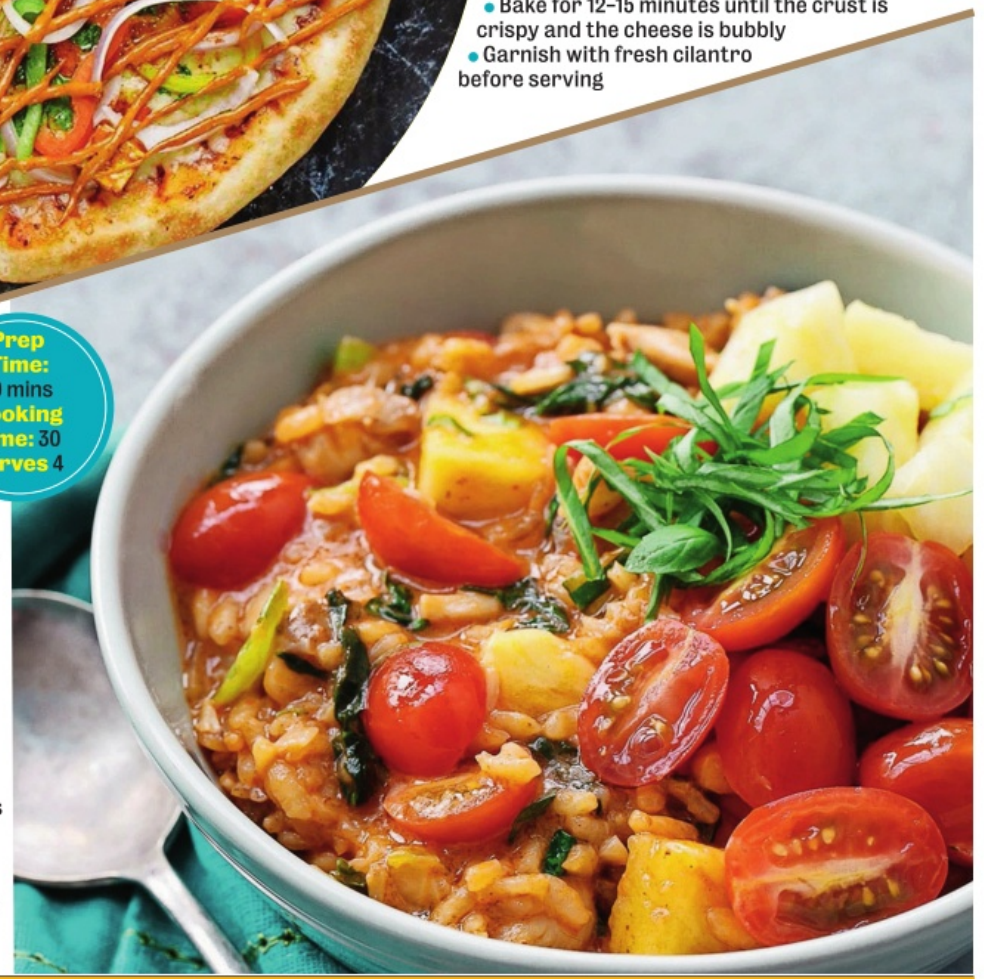
INGREDIENTS

- 2 cups Arborio rice
- 4 cups chicken or vegetable broth
- 1 onion, finely chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 tablespoons curry powder
- 1/2 cup peas
- 1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- Fresh coriander for garnish

METHOD

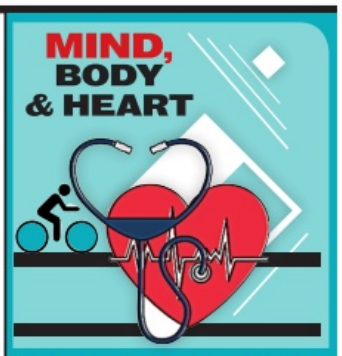
- Sauté onion and garlic in a large pan until translucent
- To it add Arborio rice and cook for a few minutes
- Add curry powder and stir it for another minute
- Gradually add the broth, one ladle at a time, stirring until absorbed
- When the rice is creamy and tender, add peas and Parmesan cheese
- Garnish with fresh coriander before serving

Prep Time: 10 mins
Cooking Time: 30
Serves 4



Chef Rana Dominic Gomes, Area Chef South, Hotel Royal Orchid Bangalore

MIND, BODY & HEART



All you need to know about...

Fasting for 14 hours

10-hour window
According to new data from the largest UK community research study of its kind, eating within a 10-hour window has positive health benefits in terms of mood, energy and hunger. The trial's findings were presented at the European Nutrition Conference by researchers from King's College London.

Intermittent fasting
Intermittent fasting (IF), or limiting your meal consumption to a specific time frame, is a popular weight loss method. With a ten-hour window, you limit your daily eating schedule to 10 hours and fast for the remaining 14 hours. For example, if you consume your first mouthful at 9 a.m., you must finish by 7 p.m. Those who were consistent with their eating window had greater benefits than those who varied their eating window day to day.

Less restrictive, more beneficial
Despite the fact that certain intermittent fasting advocates frequently promote restrictive eating windows as short as six hours, data presented in the abstract suggest that eating within a less restrictive window of ten hours has beneficial health effects such as changes in mood, energy, and appetite.

Be consistent
Dr Sarah Berry from King's College London and chief scientist at ZOE said, "What's really exciting is that the findings show that you don't have to be very restrictive to see positive results. We found for the first time that those who practised time-restricted eating, but were not consistent day to day, did not have the same positive health effects as those who were dedicated every day. —ANI

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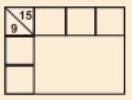
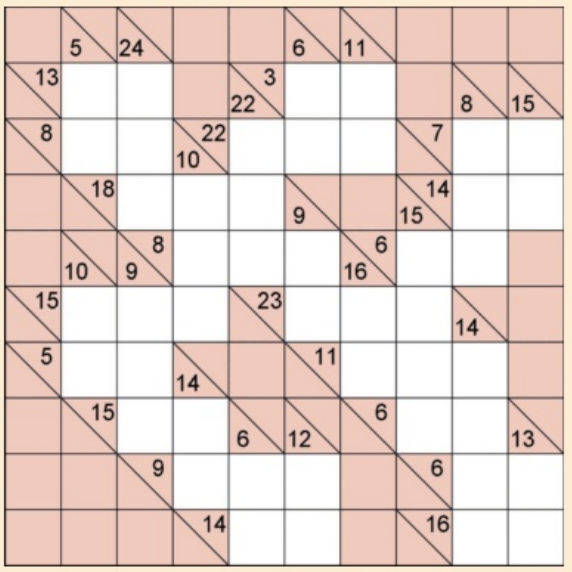
The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas



for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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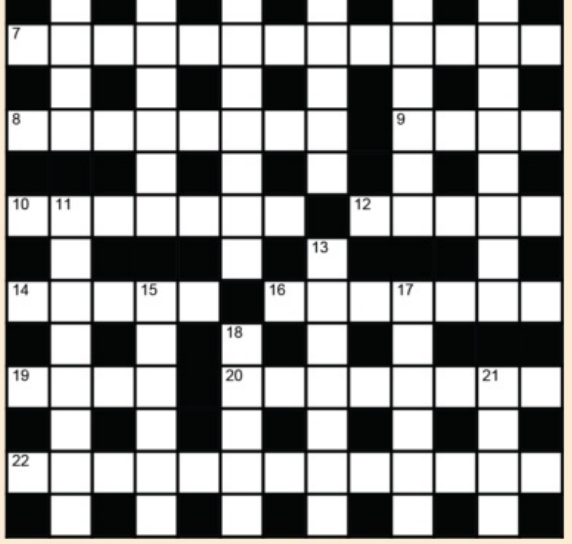


ACROSS

7 Christopher Nolan's highly successful movie (3,4,6)
8 Blessing, sanction (8)
9 Not any (4)
10 Cumbrian mountain (7)
12 Move to music (5)
14 Active Matrix Liquid Crystal Display (5)
16 ____ to paper : writes down? (7)
19 Burn slightly (4)
20 Assays, attempts or experiments with (5,3)
22 Ephemeral success (5,2,3,3)

DOWN

1 Cut with an axe (4)
2 Idolised; cherished (6)
3 Of little or no importance (7)
4 ___ and crossed bones : the danger sign? (5)
5 Capital of Austria (6)
6 Quicker way (8)
11 Tourist destination famous for white water rafting (8)
13 Organised and inter-dependent community (7)
15 To bow (6)
17 Concealed, veiled or disguised (6)
18 Flight of steps (5)
21 Russian mountain range (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: H EQUALS G

RY IXNBTWE'C CYFMX HUYFC JNNZI; RY IXNBTW CYFMX F TNDY NL UYFWPEH.

Linemaro

Your voice, for me, is better than all my favorite songs put together

Mindchow

By the time you learn the rules of life, you're too old to play the game

Joke of the day

When God asks what you've done with your life, try not to say "Didn't you read my tweets?"

Loop

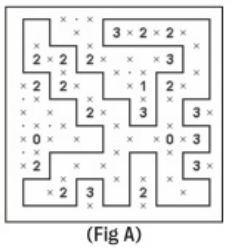
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



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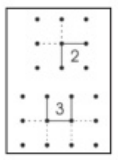
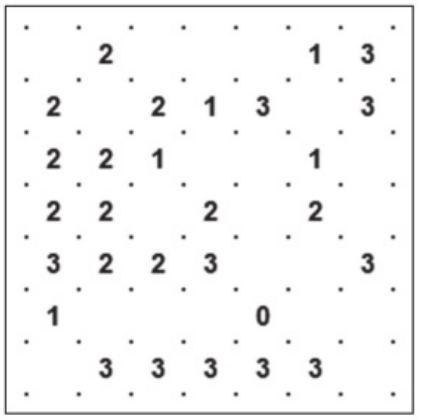


(Fig B) Not Allowed



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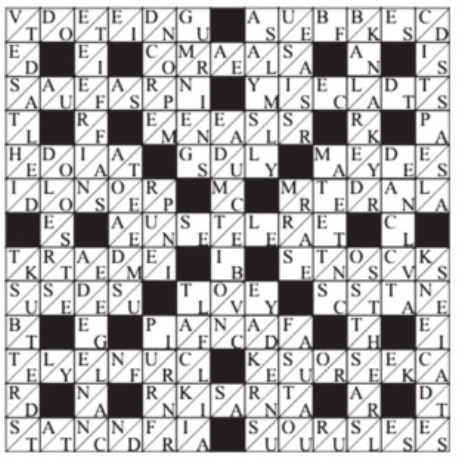
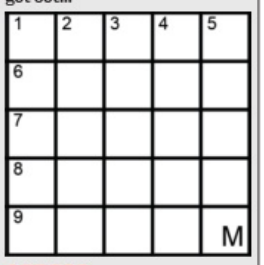


This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

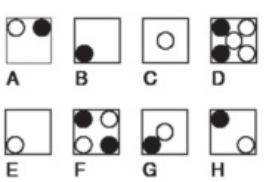
1 GNP as; 6 Ad Lit;
7 Ed Poe; 8 Bait I;
9 To Mrs

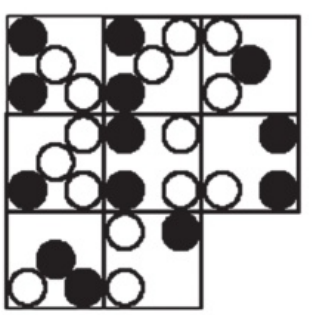
DOWN

1 Tests; 2 Pit pi;
3 Boa do; 4 Indra;
5 Ma leg

Mensapuzzle

Which is the missing tile?





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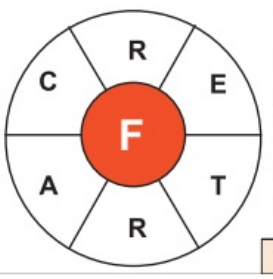

How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

10 Average; **12** Good; **14** Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

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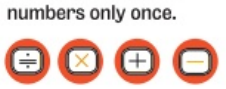
					3			5
		6	1					
	3		8			9		
7				3	5	2	1	

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.



Easy = 18
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Medium = 12
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Hard = 15
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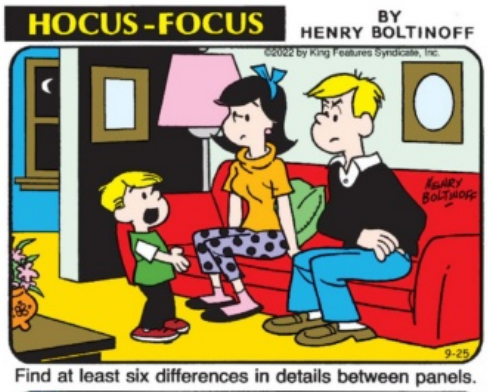
HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



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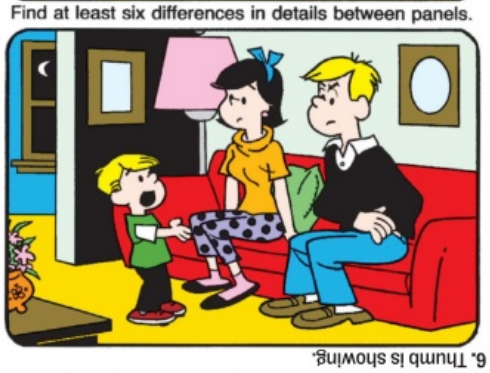


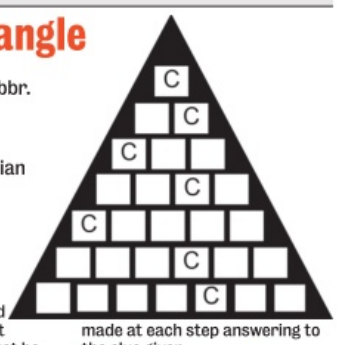
Differences: 1. Back of sofa is lower. 2. Arm is raised. 3. Foot is moved. 4. Hair is shorter. 5. Pillow is moved. 6. Thumb is showing.

Riddler

Which is the odd one out: sapphire, opal, peridot, carnelian?

Alpha triangle

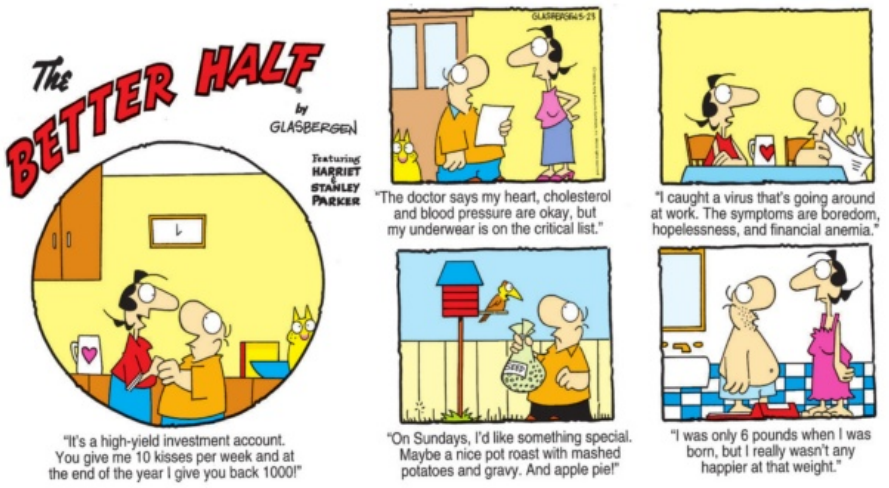
1 Atomic number 6
2 Air conditioner, abbr.
3 Surpass
4 Tempo
5 Low-priced
6 American Red Indian
7 Sense of style



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

COMICS


The BETTER HALF
by GLASBERGEN
Featuring HARRIET & STANLEY PARKER
"It's a high-yield investment account. You give me 10 kisses per week and at the end of the year I give you back 1000!"
"The doctor says my heart, cholesterol and blood pressure are okay, but my underwear is on the critical list."
"I caught a virus that's going around at work. The symptoms are boredom, hopelessness, and financial anemia."
"On Sundays, I'd like something special. Maybe a nice pot roast with mashed potatoes and gravy. And apple pie!"
"I was only 6 pounds when I was born, but I really wasn't any happier at that weight."

BABY BLUES™
BY RICK KIRKMAN & JERRY SCOTT
I'LL ASK DAD.
DAD, HOW MANY MILLIMETERS IN A GALLON?
UM, NONE.
SEE, A MILLIMETER IS A UNIT OF LENGTH, BUT A GALLON IS A UNIT OF VOLUME.
INTERESTINGLY, SOME UNITS HERE IN THE STATES ARE METRIC, LIKE OUR MONEY, WHILE LENGTH AND VOLUME ARE BASED ON SOMETHING CALLED THE IMPERIAL UNITS, FOR EXAMPLE.
LITERS
QT.
GAL.
INCHES
HE DOESN'T KNOW, EITHER.

MJ WILL STEER JAMESON'S BUDDIES BACK TO MIAMI!
'ESS UP, SPIDEY!
YOU'D HAVE JUST DISABLED THEIR BOAT AND LET THEM FLOAT AROUND TILL WE CAME BACK—
—IF YOU HADN'T WANTED AN EXCUSE TO GET YOUR WIFE TO SAFETY.
MJ'S BRAVE, BRUCE—BUT WHEN WE FIND THE LIZARD, SHE CAN'T HOLE OUT OR CALL ON SPIDER-POWERS!
HEY, DON'T COUNT ON ME BECOMING THE HULK.
STAN LEE & JO DUFFY/ JIM SINNOTT
THAT BLOOD TRANSFUSION I GOT FROM YOU MIGHT JUST MEAN—
THAT MY DAYS OF GOING GREEN ARE FINISHED!
MEANWHILE, J. JONAH JAMESON IS CAUGHT BETWEEN TWO EVILS...
AND NEITHER OF THEM IS A LESSER ONE!
YYAAAA
DEATH BY COIL— OR DOOM BY FANG?

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today you may feel lethargic, and you may encounter obstacles before your work. You just have to be more discriminating with the help you render to other people. Quick results in business are not advised today. You have the opportunity to spend money on useless things, which can make your family annoyed.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today, your hard work may pay off based on your success. You may plan to go on a short work-related visit. Your team members can support you in implementing your business plans. Your opponents may appreciate your hard work. You may hear good news based on siblings.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today, you can control your spending on useless items. You can plan to invest capital in the business. You can invest your savings in a real estate plan, which will increase your financial health in the future. You can be polite to others. You can focus on domestic affairs, but your spouse will be upset or have some health issues.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
May there be good vitality and inner strength today. You have the opportunity to create good plans and implement them efficiently. But read the documents carefully before signing. Because of the high enthusiasm, you can invest some capital in the family business. Lovebirds should avoid discussing pointless topics.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today is not a good day because of anxiety and restlessness. You can waste your precious time doing useless tasks. You can plan to visit any religious place in search of peace of mind. You can get some advice from your elders, which will give you some directions on how to manage the confusing situation.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
The community will come together today and re-establish your network, which will benefit you in the future. Indigenous peoples related to glamour, art, and fashion may plan to do something new in terms of their profession. The student will perform better in terms of studying today. Lovebirds will enjoy their happy moments.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today you may be busy before work, which can make you tired, and you may not be able to spend the right amount of time together in the family. You can also create a foreign network. You have to be careful in terms of investments. Those who are employed can get promoted.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today, the situation is now under control. Your destiny may be with you based on the profits you make in the business. You may get some rewards for your hard work. This can be a good time to restart your deferred plans. You can expect a peaceful religious journey. You can plan to donate a small amount to any religious place or to some charitable organisation.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today, your moon is not in good condition, and you may have health problems. You may incur losses in business or investment. It is advisable not to invest in new businesses. Your gains will turn into losses. You are advised to stop investing in useless products. You should avoid getting caught up in controversies; otherwise, it will pull you negatively.

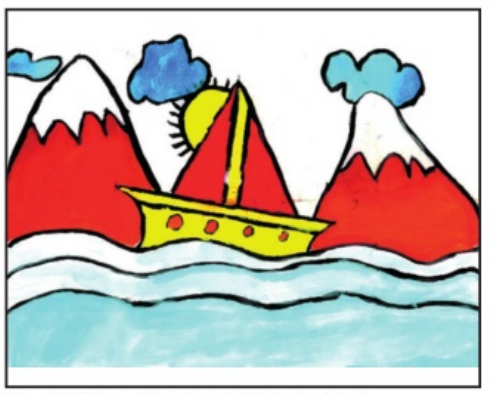
Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
You are blessed with the moon today, and you may hear some good news regarding the profession. Domestic life may be in full swing of happiness. You are advised to avoid arguments on useless topics. Too much excitement may test your patience. You can make important decisions when investing in real estate. Students can focus on their studies.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
You may feel a little lethargic, but somehow you can get back to your work. You can focus extra on the child's studies. You may be in a position to win against your enemies and foes. Investors need to be careful when making difficult decisions. Job seekers can find suitable jobs.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
You can see the negative vibes around you today, which can make you unpleasant. Avoid investing in worthless assets. You may notice that friends are not supportive today. So you should not expect too much from them for help; otherwise, it may make you even more upset. You have to make independent decisions today.

KIDZONE

Shreyas P D, 7 Years, New Cambridge School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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
= 25 – (½) • (9 – (7))
= 25 – (½) • 2 = 25 – 1 = 24

RIDDLER
Opal which is the only one on the list which is not a zodiac stone.

BULL'S EYE
after, cafe, craft, face, facet, fact, farce, fare, fate, fear, feat, fret, raft, rafter, REFRACT

FAST FIVE

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QUOTE UNCODE
We shouldn't teach great books; we should teach a love of reading.

STRIKE OUT

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MENSA PUZZLE
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SUDOKU

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ALPHA TRIANGLE
C, AC, Cap, Pace, Cheap, Apache, Panache.

GO FIGURE
Easy
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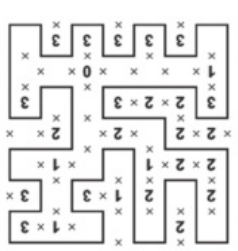
Medium
6 + 3 – 7 x 6 = 12
Hard
3 – 3 + 3 x 5 = 15

LOOP



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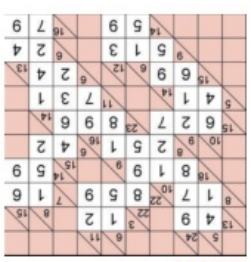

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Dance delight— Bollywood superstar Salman Khan grooved to the track 'Leke Prabhu Ka Naam' from his latest movie 'Tiger 3', along with his co-star Katrina Kaif, during the film's screening

THRILLING REUNION

Kangana, Madhavan reunite for upcoming pan-India psychological thriller film

Actor Kangana Ranaut is all set to reunite with actor R Madhavan for an upcoming pan-India psychological thriller film.

The production of the film commenced on Saturday in Chennai.

Taking to X (formerly Twitter), Kangana shared a picture and wrote, "Today in Chennai, we started filming our new film, a psychological thriller. Other details are coming soon. We need all your support and blessings for this very unusual and exciting script." The film will be helmed by the 'Thalaivii' director Vijay.

R Madhavan and Kangana previously worked together in 'Tanu Weds Manu' and 'Tanu Weds Manu Returns'.

Expressing her excitement about working with Vijay once again, she said, "Dear Vijay sir, after the incredible experience of Thalaivii, I am happy to be basking in your glory again. I would love to be in your team and take your commands. Thank you, sir."

The music for the film is composed by the talented GV Prakash Kumar, adding a layer of intrigue to the upcoming thriller. Nirav Shah, celebrated for his cinematography in numerous blockbusters, serves as the Director of Photography (DOP).

—ANI

Special day

Actor Nayanthara is celebrating her 39th birthday, and on her special day, the actress has been wished by many people, such as Vignesh Shivan and R Madhavan.

Nayanthara's husband, Vignesh, a renowned Tamil director, wished his wife on social media and shared a clip where they cut her birthday cake.

He captioned the post on Instagram, "All the beauty and meaning of my life is you..."

The grand candlelit chocolate cake was adorned with the words: "Happy Birthday, my Uyir Ulagam." In Tamil, these terms roughly translate to 'life' and 'world'. As such, Vignesh called the actress his 'world' and his 'life'.

Nayanthara started dating Vignesh in 2015 after collaborating in the film 'Naanum Rowdy Dhaan', before getting hitched and tying the knot in a traditional ceremony in Mahabalipuram in 2022.

Madhavan wished the 'Jawan' actress on his Instagram story. He wrote: "Wish you a very, very happy birthday and a fantastic year ahead, both for your sake, and mine (laugh emoji) my dear @nayanthara…so very happy and elated to have you in our lives."

After her massive Bollywood debut with 'Jawan', the actress will next be seen in the Tamil film 'Annapoorani: The Goddess of Food' on December 1.

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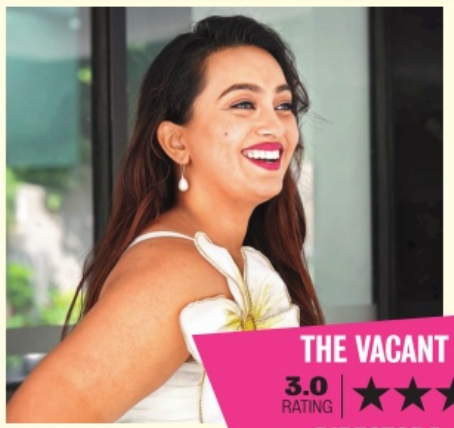
Ester's bold move



THE VACANT HOUSE

3.0 RATING ★★★☆☆

- **DIRECTOR** Ester Noronha
- **ACTORS** Ester Noronha, Sandeep Malani, Shreyas Chinga, and Seema Buthello
- **CERTIFICATION** U/A
- **Duration** 122 minutes

One requires a dash of courage and careful consideration before financing, directing, and starring in a film. Ester Noronha makes her directorial debut in Sandalwood, deserving applause for adeptly handling the director's chair, providing the script, portraying the lead, and even composing the music. While the movie refrains from glorifying the lead character, it reflects Ester Noronha's vision and determination.

The story unfolds with an auto-rickshaw driver reluctantly assisting a stranger carrying a dead body. The stranger tells the auto-rickshaw driver that he needs to introduce himself before giving details about the dead body.

The stranger introduces himself as Manav (Shreyas Chinga), a teacher who used to lead a lonely life. There is a vacant house opposite his house. After some time, Moha (Ester Noronha) and Mahesh (Sandeep Malani) occupy the vacant house. Smitten by Moha's beauty, Manav falls in love with Moha without knowing she is already married to Mahesh. Moha and Manav meet at an isolated place, and both of them are caught by Mahesh, who threatens to kill Manav if he tries to meet Moha again.

Meanwhile, Manav vacates the house and relocates to another place. His friend Manasa (Seema Buthello) informs him that Mahesh is dead and Moha is seriously injured in a road accident. What happens to Manav and Moha is what The Vacant House is all about.

As far as the performance of the actors is concerned, Ester Noronha deserves appreciation for handling too many assignments. She looks bold and beautiful in intimate scenes with Shreyas Chinga. Sandeep Malani is convincing as the possessive husband of a beautiful, young, energetic wife who is compelled to marry him, though he is much older than her. Shreya Chinga and Seema Buthello provide good support.

The drawback of the movie is the slow narration during the pre-intermission session.

—Y Maheswara Reddy

Social media drama

Sriyaan, who takes on the dual roles of director and lead actor in Bembidada Navika, skillfully portrays the intricate journey of an influencer. Beyond capturing the tumultuous life of the protagonist, the film sheds light on the misuse of social media by unscrupulous individuals. Set in Udupi, the movie provides insights into the challenges and complexities of the digital realm. Sriyaan deserves commendation for seamlessly transitioning into his inaugural role as the hero and director.

BEMBIDADA NAVIKA

3.0 RATING ★★★☆☆

- **DIRECTOR** Sriyaan
- **ACTORS** Sriyaan, Aishwarya, Priyadarshini, Dinesh Mangaluru, Bala Rajwadi, Vikram Kudremukh
- **CERTIFICATION** U/A
- **Duration** 130 minutes

The movie begins with Gajendra (Dinesh Mangaluru) dusting his old bicycle while his daughter Shanthi is drawing a picture of an ice candy. Shanthi pleads with Gajendra to buy an ice candy for her. At this juncture, a henchman of a local financier appears on the scene and demands Gajendra to pay the money availed as a loan from the financier.

Meanwhile, the director introduces Aryan (Sriyaan), an influencer who comes to Udupi. Aryan visits his ancestors' home at Udupi and decides to quit his job and work as a freelancer. His friend Paddy (Vikram Kudremukh) takes him to meet Sahiti (Aishwarya), who owns a nursery and does not want to migrate to Bengaluru. Sahiti claims that she wants to maintain a safe distance from social media. Aryan falls in love with Sahiti.

Later, he comes to know that an unknown person is threatening Sahiti to post her nude photos on social media if she fails to give Rs 30 lakh to him. Aryan mortgages his ancestral house with local financier Shetty. What happens to Aryan and who are the actual culprits is what the movie is all about.

Sriyaan's performance as the compassionate influencer is compelling, with his natural portrayal shining in action sequences. Not succumbing to mass hero stereotypes, he brings authenticity to the role. Aishwarya and Priyadarshini deliver noteworthy performances, supported by strong acting from Dinesh Mangaluru, Vikram Kudremukh, and Raja Balawadi. The film's musical score by Naavu Munna Mysuru, background score by Christopher Jayson, and cinematography by Sathish Rajendran contribute positively to the cinematic experience.

—Y Maheswara Reddy